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1. Soviet barracks are located at the junction of Ul. Wernyhora and Ul. Zolnierska in Szczecin (Stettin). The barracks consist of three two-story buildings, 50 to 60 meters long. Some partly destroyed garages are located between the administration buildings. Near the garages there is a large rectangular building with a flat roof, without windows or gates. It has the appearance of an indoor riding school or a gun shed. In the background an unknown number of buildings are hidden behind a screen of trees.
2. The entrance gate from Ul. Wernyhora was guarded by a sentry wearing black shoulderboards and armed with a PPSH. There was no inscription on the gate.
3. The only vehicle seen was a truck with the letter "T", painted white, in a square on the side of the truck. Three Soviet soldiers stood nearby.
4. A Soviet lieutenant with a dark green cap band and a non-commissioned officer with black shoulderboards were seen leaving the barrack premises. Two Soviet lieutenants with black-edged shoulderboards were also seen leaving the premises. Several men wearing raspberry-red shoulderboards were looking out of a window of one of the buildings. No activity was observed and choral singing in Russian was heard in the distance.
5. In the background was an observation tower of the type used by the WOP (Military Border Guard).

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